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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents, together with English-language abstracts thereof, are enclosed.

EP 0 814 380, EP 0 734 866, EP 1 380 425 and EP 1 380 423 were cited in the International Search Report and/or the ISA Written Opinion issued in a corresponding PCT application (PCT/JP2005/012268), copies of which are also enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 8-323985 (A) is discussed at page 2 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2004-42396 (A) is discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent No. 3143308 (B) is discussed at page 20 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent No. 6,461,798 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 8-323985 (A). U.S. Patent No. 6,455,112 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 3143308 (B).

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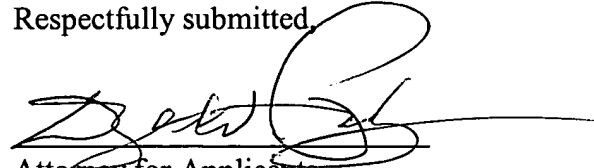
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#### CONCLUSION

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